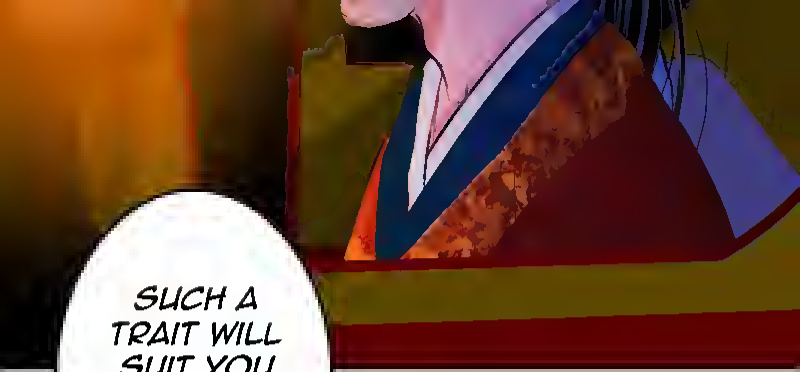
THE KING REQUESTS YOUR IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE PALACE.

I DO APOLOGIZE FOR THE SHORT NOTICE, MISS KIHARA.

...
WILL I BE GONE LONG, SIR?
WELL, THAT'S UP TO YOU.

HE WAS QUITE IMPRESSED BY YOUR MEDICINAL SKILLS WITH THE PRINCE.
YOU SEE, HIS HIGHNESS IS RATHER FASCINATED BY YOU...

I DIDN'T DO MUCH.
HAHA— YOU'RE QUITE MODEST, AREN'T YOU?


SUCH A TRAIT WILL SUIT YOU WELL LIVING IN THE PALACE.

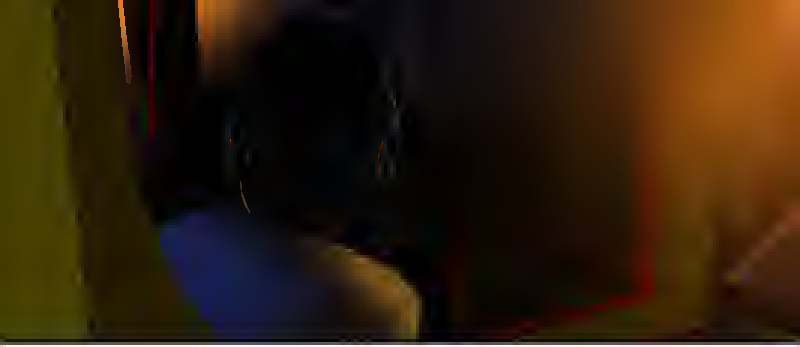
AH... YES, SORRY.

I SEEM TO BE GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF.
KING KATSU WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE HIS COURT PHYSICIAN.

WHAT?!
ME?!!

MODEST
AGAIN, I SEE.

EVEN SO, YOU WOULD TRAIN UNDER THE CURRENT COURT PHYSICIAN UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO SUPERSEDE HIM.



YOU HAVE RESERVATIONS?

HOW WOULD THEY SURVIVE WITHOUT THE EXTRA HELP?

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM...

OH, IS THAT ALL YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT?

HIS HIGHNESS HAS ALREADY

CONSIDERED THEM.

HIS OFFER FOR YOU AS RESIDENT COURT PHYSICIAN'S APPRENTICE ALSO EXTENDS TO THE WELFARE OF YOUR FAMILY.

THEY WOULD BE GIVEN ACCOMODATIONS IN THE PALACE AND WOULDN'T NEED TO WORK UNLESS THEY WISHED TO.

I MEAN- I'M SO SORRY. KING KATSU, RATHER-

IT'S FINE...

ALL TOO COMMONLY, ROYALTY WILL PHRASE THINGS AS "REQUESTS", BUT I KNOW

BETTER.
TO DECLINE THIS OFFER COULD BE CATASTROPHIC FOR MY FAMILY AND I.
IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL, THOUGH...
I COULDN'T ASK FOR ANY BETTER OUTCOME FOR MY FAMILY.

I ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM THE KING.
EXCELLENT. WHEN WE

ARRIVE I WILL SHOW YOU YOUR ROOM.

OF COURSE. THE KING WAS CONFIDENT YOU'D ACCEPT.

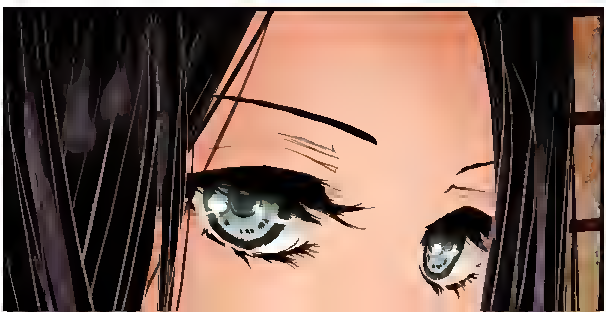
HE WAS CONFIDENT I'D ACCEPT?

HOW AMUSING. AS IF I REALLY HAD A CHOICE IN THE MATTER.

THE COURT PHYSICIAN SHOULD STILL BE AWAKE AT THIS HOUR.

HONESTLY, RYUSAKI, YOU REALLY OUGHT TO STAY OUT OF SO MUCH TROUBLE. I SWEAR I AM BANDAGING YOU TWICE A DAY!

HAHA~ WELL IF IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE...



...I CAN ALWAYS...

OH...

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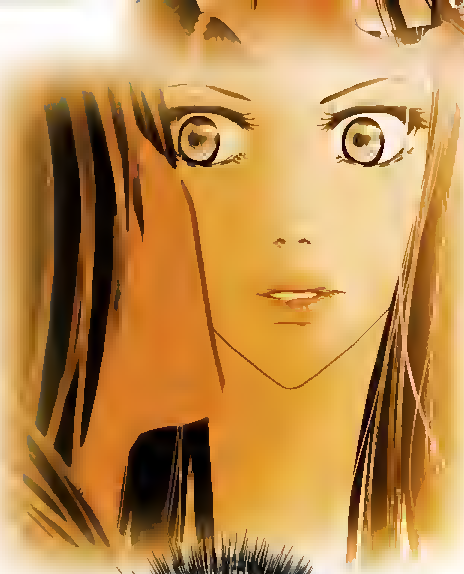
NO

WAY.
OSTILE
JEALOUS



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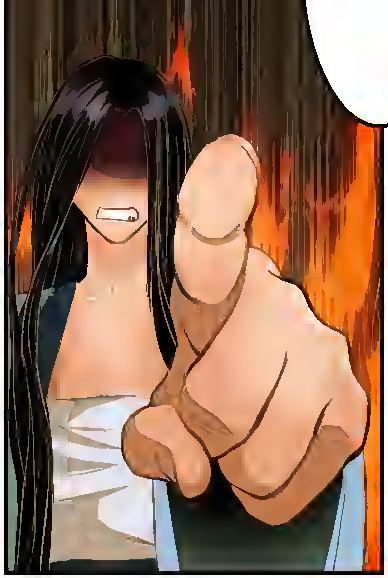

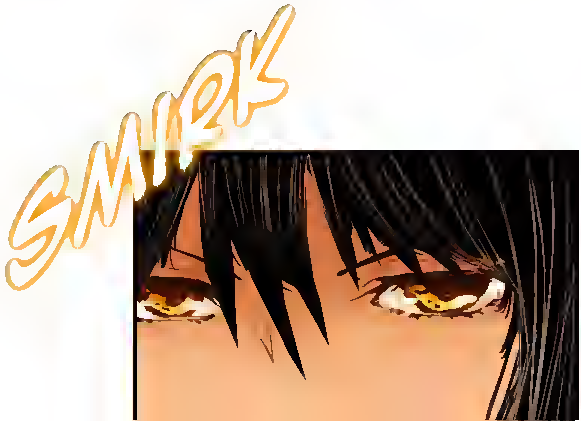
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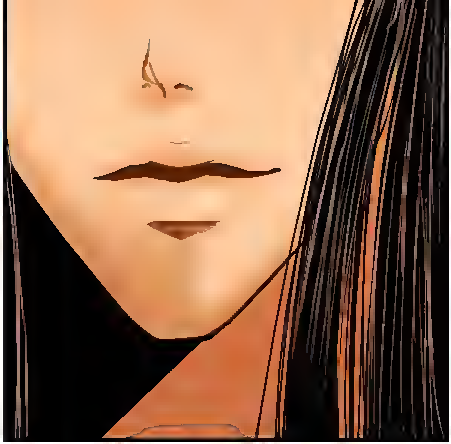
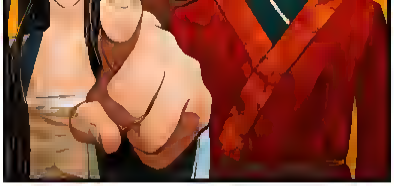


OH.
YOU TWO HAVE MET?



NO...
...I DON'T RECALL...

WHAT ?!!
HOW CAN

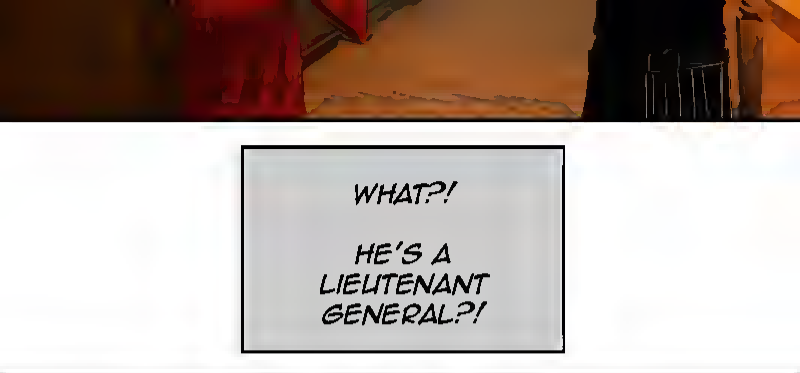
LIAR!!

HE'S OBVIOUSLY

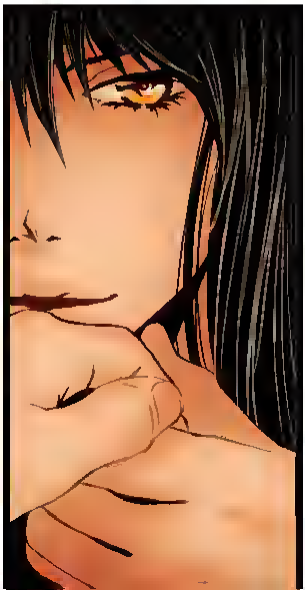
LYING!!

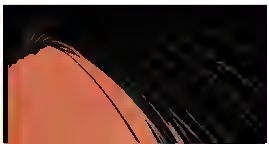
AH, NO HARM DONE, MISS KIHARA.

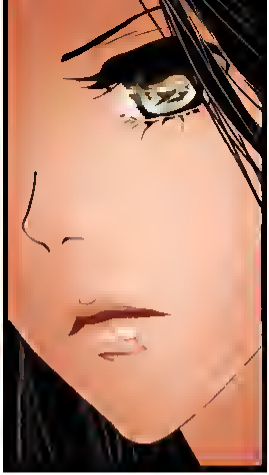
THIS IS LIEUTENANT GENERAL RYUSAKI HAYATE.


WHAT?!
HE'S A LIEUTENANT GENERAL?!

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MISS KIHARA.





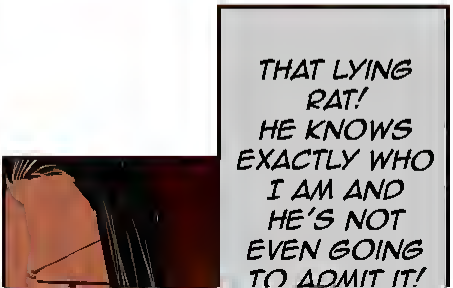


LIEUTENANT, THIS IS KIHARA MEI, THE COURT PHYSICIAN'S NEW ASSISTANT

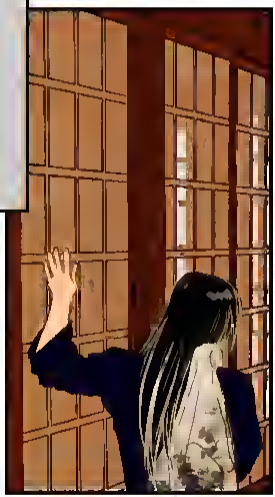
NOW, ANY TIME YOU NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION, SHE MAY ALSO ASSIST YOU.

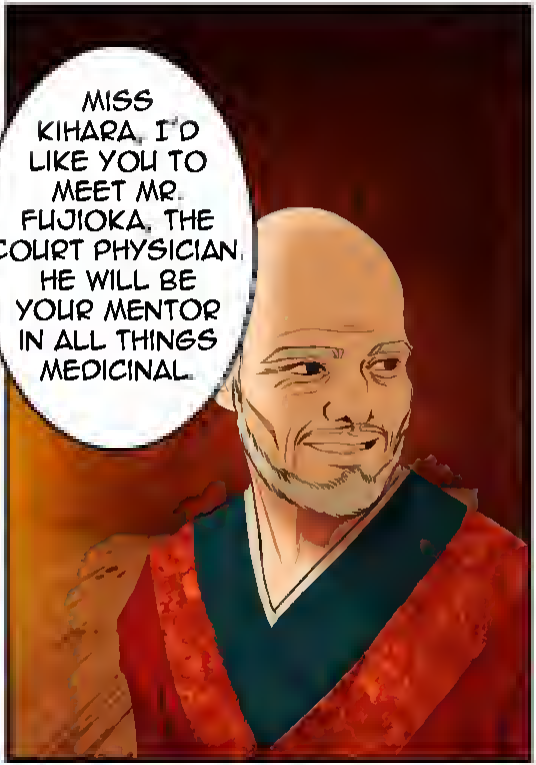
GOOD TO KNOW.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME...
BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY AND I NEED MY REST.
VERY WELL. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT, LIEUTENANT

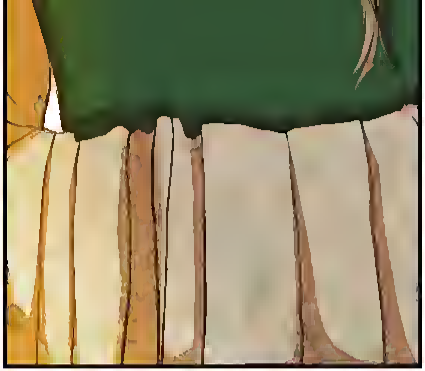
GENERAL.


THAT LYING RAT! HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHO I AM AND HE'S NOT EVEN GOING TO ADMIT IT!

HE'S A CRIMINAL AND NOBODY HERE KNOWS IT.




MISS KIHARA, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MR. FUJIOKA, THE COURT PHYSICIAN. HE WILL BE YOUR MENTOR IN ALL THINGS MEDICINAL.



AN HONOR, MR. FUJIOKA.

ALRIGHT, MR. FUJIOKA, I'LL LET YOU FINISH THINGS HERE.

GOODNIGHT, YOU TWO.

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MISS KIHARA.

PLEASE,

ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU TO YOUR NEW ROOM.

I KNOW

IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR OWN.

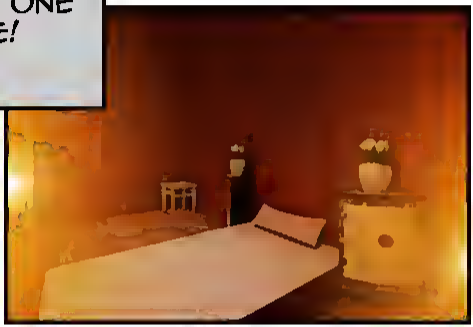
NOT MUCH!?
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL! THANK YOU!

I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT.
AS IT IS ALREADY QUITE LATE, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.
I WILL SHOW YOU AROUND THE OFFICE TOMORROW MORNING.

THIS ROOM IS

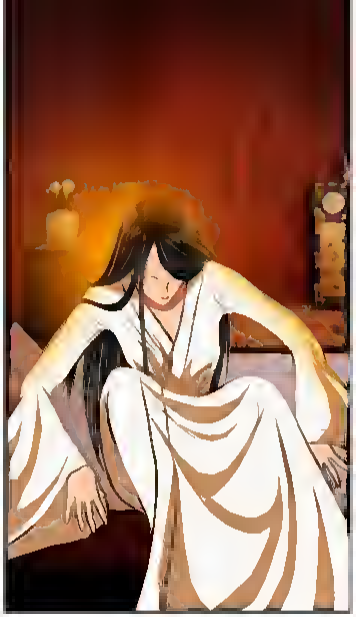
SO SPACIOUS.

HE MIGHT NOT THINK IT'S VERY MUCH, BUT MY WHOLE HOUSE COULD FIT INTO THIS ONE SPACE!



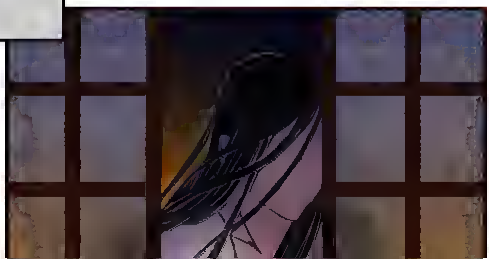
ALTHOUGH, IT'S GOING TO FEEL A BIT WEIRD NOT SLEEPING UNDER THE SAME ROOF AS MY PARENTS.

THERE'S TOO MUCH ON MY MIND TONIGHT. I'LL NEVER SLEEP LIKE THIS.



MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE A WALK AND TRY TO CLEAR MY HEAD.

IF ANYTHING, MAYBE IT WILL EXHAUST ME ENOUGH FOR SLEEP.



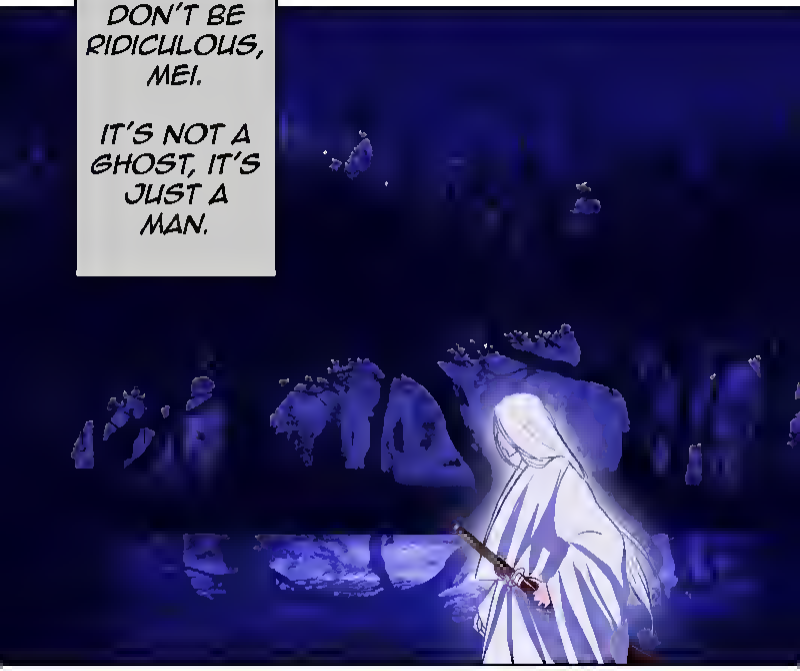
IT'S A LITTLE CHILLY TONIGHT...

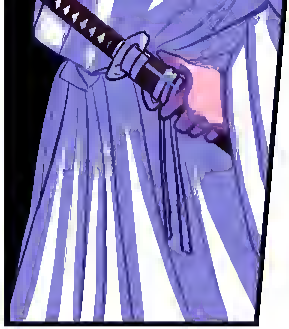
I WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO GET

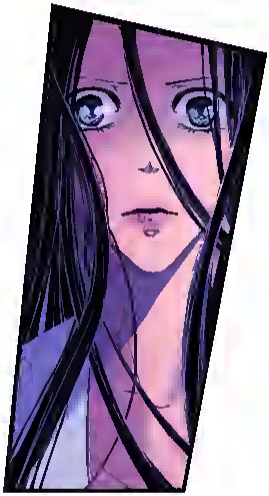
USED TO PALACE LIFE.

A GHOST?!

BUMP

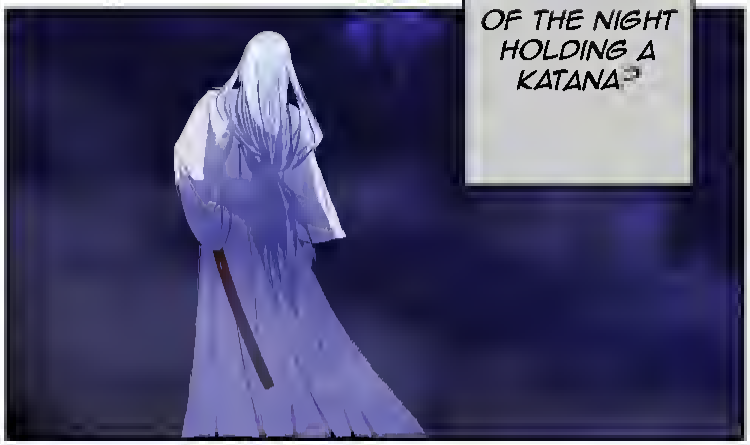

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, MEI.
IT'S NOT A GHOST, IT'S JUST A MAN.





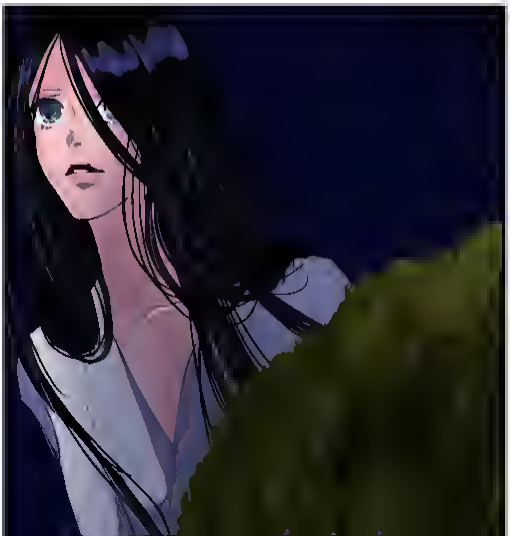
...A MAN WITH A WEAPON.

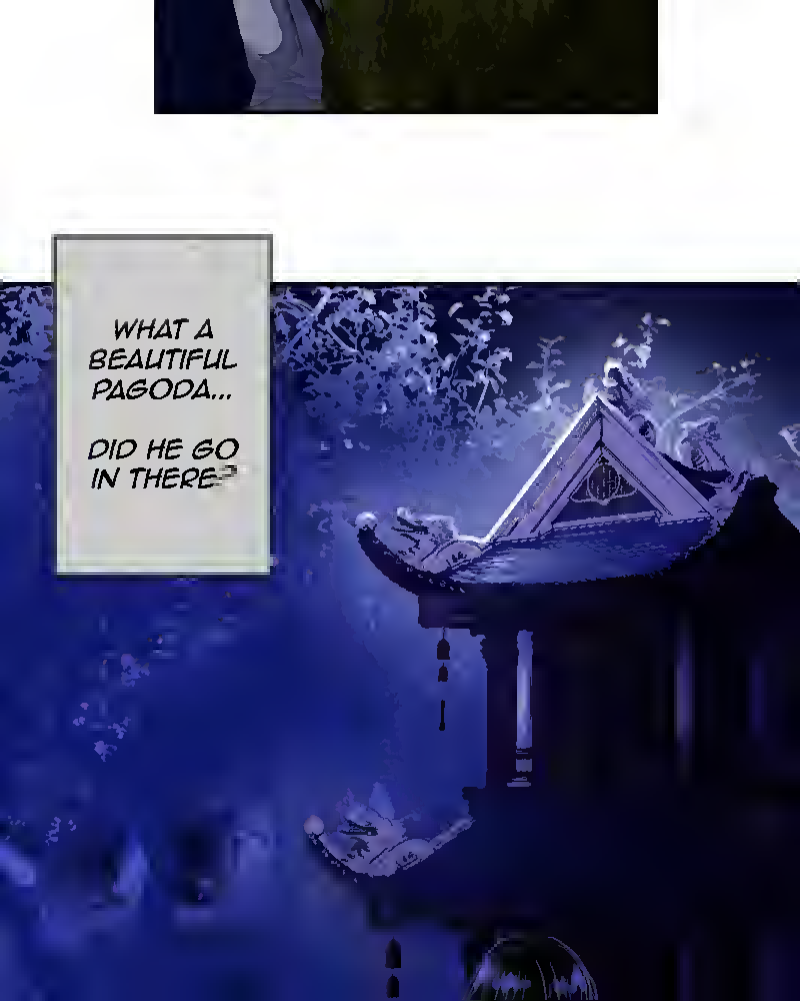
WHY IS HE OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE

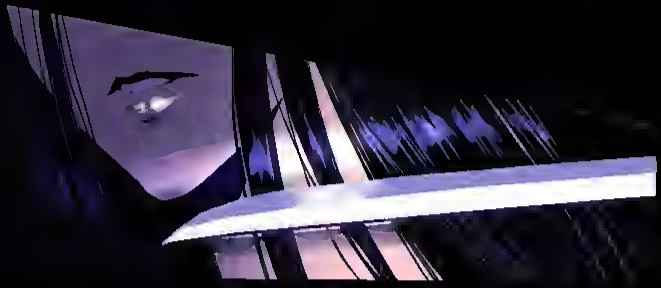

OF THE NIGHT
HOLDING A
KATANA

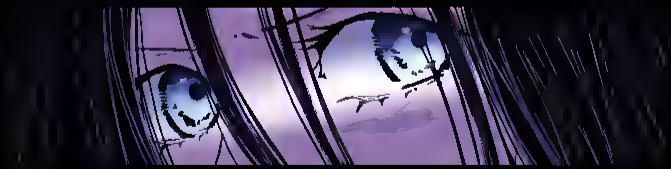
...WHERE IS HE GOING. I

WONDER?




WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PAGODA...
DID HE GO IN THERE?





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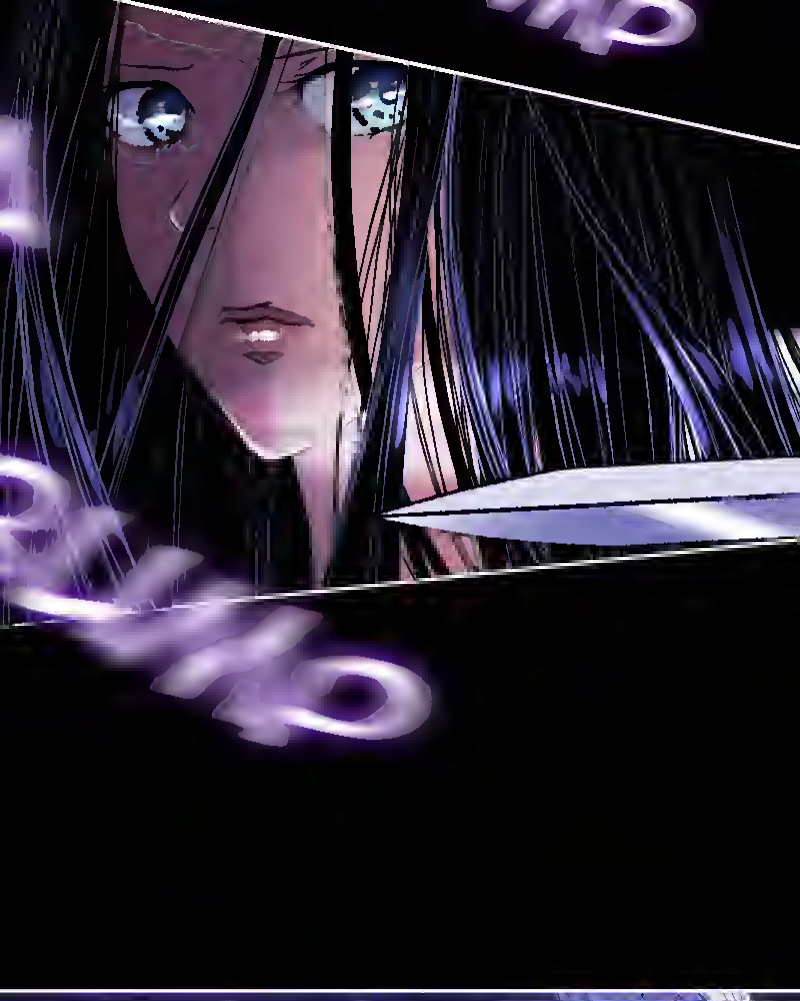

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